

ABSTRACT

WA-I-487

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 102(105)

1767 (reset 1902)

State Line, Pennsylvania/Maryland

Public/private

Milestone No. 102(105) is an original milestone of 1767, in fair condition, unaltered though repaired and reset in its original site in 1902 at the time of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It marks Mason and Dixon's 102nd horizontal mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line, longest of the survey lines run and marked during their 1763-68 commission to define the boundary between the English provinces of Maryland and Pennsylvania. As with all original West Line monuments, this milestone is an embellished oolitic limestone post, (no longer) with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in England, said to have been typically about 12 inches square by about 4 feet or more long, and cut to stand about 3 feet high with the base left rough-cut for setting into the ground. The distinguishing decorative features are the vertical fluting with horizontally-fluted margins on all four sides and the Roman capital letters P on the north side facing Pennsylvania and M on the south side facing Maryland, each V-sunk in the center of a plain shallow circle panel near the top. Broken off below ground level by the time of the Resurvey, this monument was repaired with iron clamps and bands and reset; and now continues to stand firmly but only about 1 foot high. All surfaces/^{corners and edges} have been badly chipped and cut, presumably by farm machinery. The letters are clear, though the M is chipped; all surfaces are so weathered only the letters and fluting on the east and west sides remain. On the national and state levels, No. 102(105) is significant primarily as one of 135 original monuments in the thematic group series of some 248 markers still defining the West Line, the boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. Locally, as one of 48 original monuments marking the present Washington/Franklin-Fulton county boundary (10 crownstones; 38 milestones), it is also significant as one of a diminishing number of objects and structures with a visually identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST Magi No.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)
 HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) WEST LINE, 102nd Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 102 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 105)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)
 STREET & NUMBER off south side of Oaks Road (T-352)

CITY, TOWN

State Line

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
MD: 6 / PA: 9

STATE

Pennsylvania/Maryland

COUNTY
MD: Washington/PA: Franklin**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS N/A	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: state boundary marker

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY (monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

NAME State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION (see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.Liber #:
Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE

Washington County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

WA-I-487 entered 2/24/81 ☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE
Maryland

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. 102(105) marks Mason and Dixon's 102nd horizontal mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line. It is an original milestone of 1767, ^{stands about 1 foot high,} in fair condition, repaired in 1902 but unaltered; and remains at its original site, preliminarily surveyed in 1765, first set two years later, ^{repaired and} reset more securely at its original site in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary.

The area here is at the western edge of a broad, comparatively level fertile land, with large contiguous family farms, very sparsely settled. The site is off the southeastern edge of the village of State Line, PA/MD; within Election District 27 of Washington County, MD, and Antrim Township, PA; at a point about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile east of US 11 and about 1000 feet south of Oaks Road (T-352) from the junction of the James Petre farm lane. It is unmarked, in the middle of an unfenced cornfield, about 1200 feet due west of the Petre farmhouse. It cannot be seen from any road or farm lane any season, and is in urgent need of protection from farm machinery.

The milestone, as with all original Mason and Dixon West Line monuments, is an embellished oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in England, and said to have originally measured about 12 inches square by about $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet long, cut to stand about 3 feet high, with the base left rough-cut for setting into the ground. The distinguishing decorative features are the vertical fluting with horizontally-fluted margins on all four sides, and the Roman capital letters P on the north side facing Pennsylvania and M on the south side facing Maryland, each V-sunk in the center of a shallow plain circle panel near the top. At the time of the Resurvey (MGS Vol. 7, 1908, p. 90): "The old monument had been broken off below the surface of the ground and its position was lost. The proper place was redetermined by the survey and the base of the stone was found by digging. After being repaired with iron clamps and bands the monument was reset." It now stands ^{firmly set} about 1 foot above ground; measures about 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches on the north and south sides, about 11 inches on the east and west sides; with all surfaces edges and corners ^{presumably} badly chipped and cut by farm machinery, all surfaces very weathered, the letters clear (but M chipped), fluting remaining only on the east and west sides, and no planes or fluting remaining on the top, now quite flat.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY (see Thematic Group NR nomination form for full descriptions of the original Mason and Dixon monuments)

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		boundary surveying	

SPECIFIC DATES 1767 (reset 1902) . ~~BORDER KNOWN TO~~ Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon
SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

Quadrangle name: Hagerstown (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series
(topographic), 1953 photorev. 1971, scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 18, easting 26766, northing 440009

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Washington

STATE Pennsylvania

COUNTY Franklin

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason & Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust & Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

10/13/80 (site surveyed)

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

TELEPHONE

301/472-2128

CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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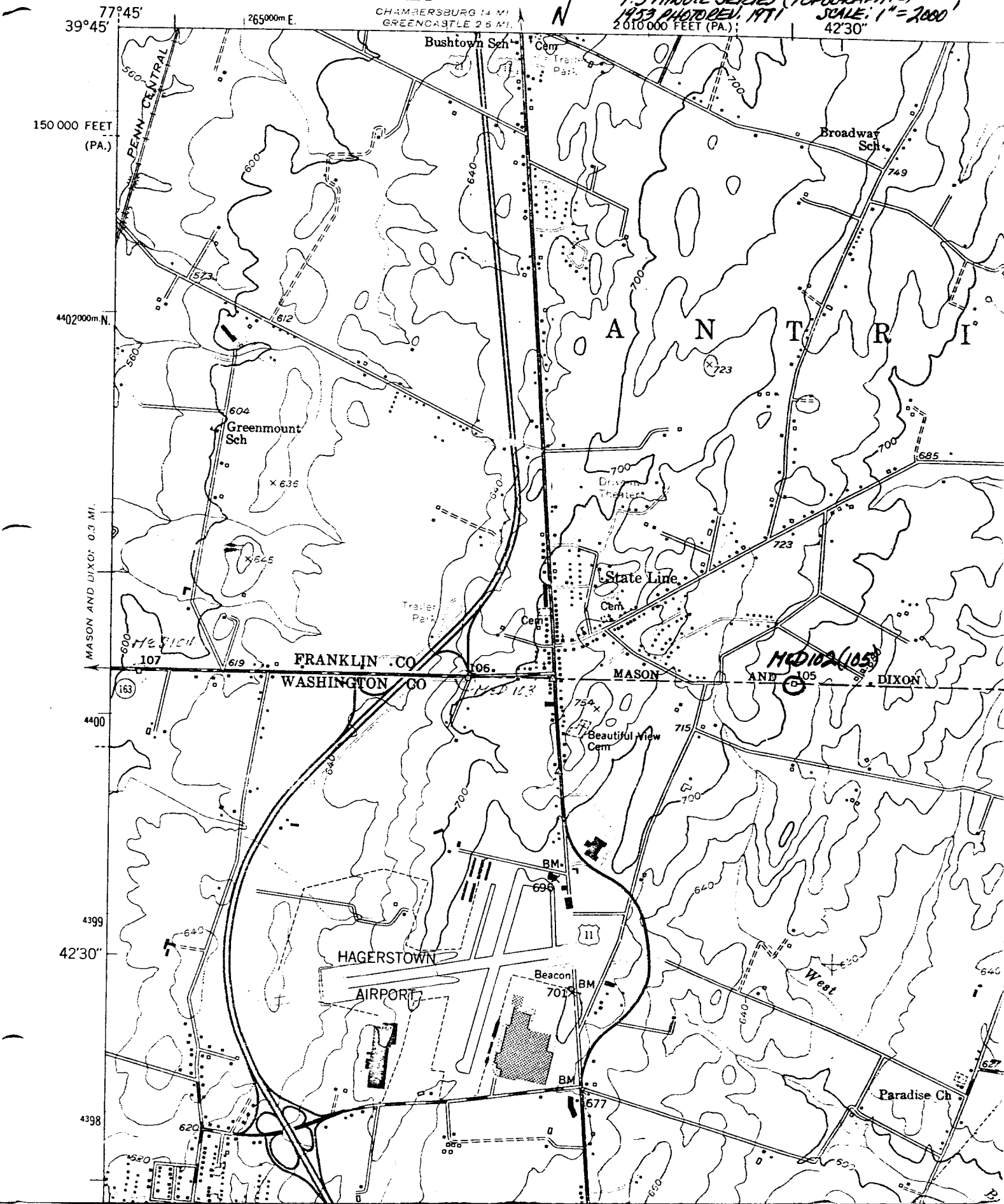
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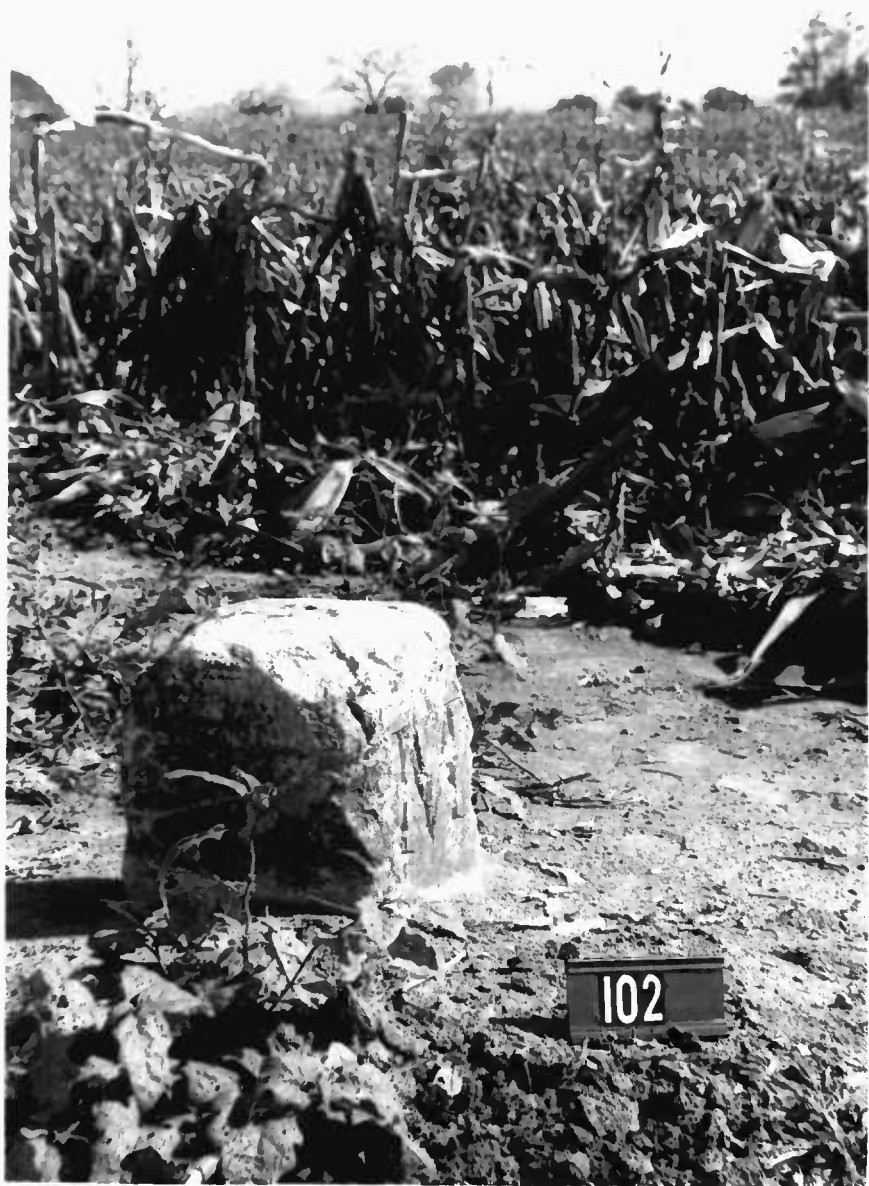
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GREENCASTLE 26 MI.

MASON DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 102(105)

HAGERSTOWN QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND - PENNSYLVANIA
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
1953 PHOTO REV. 1971
2010 000 FEET (PA.)
SCALE: 1" = 2000'
42°30'

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ORIGINAL (1767)

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HED WEST LINE: MILESTONE 102 (105)

VIEW LOOKING SW TOWARD CLYDE ON
STONE & JAMES PETRE FARM

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 10/13/80 (1980.24.9)
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